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## NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

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### NEW REGIONAL LIBRARY IN PROSPECT

At the invitation of Mrs. W. K. Keyserling, chairman of a library committee appointed by the Beaufort Chapter of the AAUW, representatives of the State Library Board have met with AAUW members and Beaufort Township Library Board members to discuss the possibility of establishing county-wide public library service. The meeting was held December 1. Miss Estellene P. Walker explained requirements for participating in a regional library demonstration, and the benefits to be expected from it. The proposed region would be composed of five counties, Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper.

Present at the meeting were seven AAUW members, including Mrs. Keyserling and Mrs. J. W. Anders, President; two members of the Beaufort Township Library Board, Mrs. J. W. Scheper, Jr., Chairman, and Mrs. Parker Jones; Miss Walker, and Miss Dorothy Smith, State Library Board.

This meeting was followed the next day by another in which the regional library proposal was discussed with Mr. William L. Johnson, County Agricultural Agent; Mrs. Vivian Gibson, Home Demonstration Agent; Mr. Rivers L. Varn, Treasurer of Beaufort County and also of the Beaufort Township Library Board; and Mr. W. Brantley Harvey, Jr., member of the Beaufort County Delegation.

Another meeting with representatives of the various sections of Beaufort County has been set for January 13.

Similar meetings have been held with the Colleton County Memorial Library Commission, the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library Board, and the members of the Allendale, Hampton, and Jasper County Delegations.

### VISITORS

In early December three South Carolina libraries were paid visits by the chief librarian and the entire staff of the Clinch-Powell Regional Library, Clinton, Tennessee. Stopping in this state on their return from visiting county and regional



libraries in Georgia and Florida, the group visited the Colleton County Memorial Library on December 10. The next day they saw the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library headquarters, the Aiken County Public Library, the Edgefield County Library and later in the day, the Greenwood City & County Public Library.

Mrs. Helen H. Kittrell, Regional Librarian, said that every year her library board authorizes a training trip for the staff, the object being to broaden their experience and to provide new ideas. In past years most of their trips have been made in Tennessee or neighboring states. This was their first foray into other parts of the Southeast.

The visitors evinced special interest in the structure, support, general organization and procedures of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library. They were frank in their admiration of the strong local support the region has achieved and in the high quality of service being given. They were equally interested in the details of the operation of the other libraries and were gracious in their praise especially of the handsome new buildings.

The staff of at least one of the host libraries would now like to adopt the Clinch-Powell Regional Library's training trip idea, in order to visit nearby libraries for a similar exchange of methods and views. The bookmobile librarians in particular would like an opportunity to make the rounds with a bookmobile in some other county.

#### JUNIOR INTERN COMMITTEE TO MEET

A committee of eleven public librarians, authorized by the Public Library Section to work with the State Library Board on the Junior Intern Program, will meet in Columbia on January 20. The committee will discuss ways of implementing the basic program, and plan recruiting and follow-up procedures.

During the summer of 1959 the Junior Intern Program (outlined in the June 1959 issue of this newsletter) was tried in three pilot libraries--the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, the Charleston County Free Library, and the Colleton County Memorial Library--and proved successful. One of the three junior interns has definitely decided to enter library work upon graduation from college, and a second may. The third intern, though not recruited, went back to college with an accurate concept of public librarianship that will insure her support of public libraries in the future.

On the basis of this experience the State Library Board has decided to expand the program to ten junior internships for the summer of 1960.



### CAROLINA TRAILS READING CLUB

Thirty-two libraries have indicated that they will participate in the Carolina Trails Reading Club during the summer. Know Your State is the slogan and the essential supplies, which will be furnished by the State Library Board, will stress South Carolina.

To increase interest in the club, it is suggested that members of local historical societies or individual historians be asked to talk to club members on historical incidents, famous people, etc. Visits to historical sites may be arranged as part of the program or as the culminating feature of the club.

The State Library Board will forward a list of South Carolina material to participating libraries on January 15th. If requiring each member to read one title on South Carolina works too great a hardship, the librarian may substitute, preferably a book of historical nature.

It is hoped that this program will bring about an increased awareness of the history, geography, resources, etc., of South Carolina and that it will encourage further reading.

### STATE NLW COMMITTEE

Mr. Charles W. Underwood, State Chairman for National Library Week, has invited representatives from statewide organizations to serve on the state planning committee. This committee will meet January 23 at the Russell House, University of South Carolina, to formulate plans for the observance of National Library Week. Mrs. Ralph Thompson, President of the SCLA, will preside and Dr. Nicholas P. Mitchell will be the keynote speaker at this occasion.

Miss Frances Reid, NLW Executive Director for the S.C. Library Association, will report the results of this meeting to the local committees. If local librarians have not organized an NLW Committee, this should be done at once and Miss Reid notified as to the chairman. Any suggestions for statewide plans or any requests for assistance should be addressed to Miss Reid, S. C. State Library Board, 1001 Main Street, Columbia 1, S. C.

### DEADLINE

A message from the Chairman of the Public Library Section:

All library news items for the S. C. Librarian must reach Mr. Hucks' office by February 1. Since this is the actual deadline, allowing no days of grace, be sure to



have your news sent to Carrie Gene Ashley, Box 909, A-B-E Regional Library, Aiken, S. C., at least by January 26 - the earlier the better. If any library histories sent in have not appeared, this does not mean that they will not be used. Additional ones would still be welcomed. All material should be typed double spaced.

Mr. Hucks has been most pleased with the cooperation thus far. Let's not spoil our record.

#### CIRCULATION METHODS STUMP EXPERTS

Have you worried over your library's circulation procedure, trying to find a simpler, more economical system and feeling frustrated when you failed? Then accept this morsel of comfort. John Diebold & Associates, Inc., a Wall Street management consultant firm specializing in automation, has been stalemated by the same problem. Employed by the Council on Library Resources, the firm has issued a report summarizing a short-term investigation of the circulation problem.

The report notes that "while the mechanical equipment which is currently in use in libraries has somewhat reduced the number of clerks required in the library, it has at the same time reduced the amount of information available to the librarian.

..... This does not appear to be an improvement in the system. Automatic data processing equipment should be justified on all factors."

The report concludes that before an automatic integrated system for book circulation, which will be satisfactory, can be developed, detailed study needs to be made of the requirements an ideal system must meet.

#### NEWBERY-CALDECOTT AWARDS

According to news releases received from ALA, the winners of this year's Newbery-Caldecott awards will be announced March 14th and publicity materials for use in highlighting the event are already available. The Children's Book Council, 175 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., offers a special Newbery & Caldecott Medal book rack and kit for \$1.85. As usual, the Council also has bookmarks listing all the books which have received the medals. These are priced at \$1.00 per 100, \$9.00 per 1000. The ALA Children's Services Division, 50 East Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill., has reprints of Elizabeth Burn's article from the December Top of the News describing the history, criteria and procedures in selecting the books (5 for 25¢ in coin, no stamps; 100 for \$3.00; 1000 for \$25.00). The Division also offers gold embossed facsimile stickers of each medal in packets of 25 for \$1.00. Money from the sale of the facsimiles goes into the Melcher Scholarship Fund.



## MELCHER SCHOLARSHIP 1960

Applications for the Melcher Scholarship are now being received. The scholarship of \$750.00 is open to candidates from the United States and Canada, and its purpose is to provide financial assistance for the training of librarians to work with children in public, school, or other libraries.

For information write to Mrs. Ruth Hill Viguers, 110 Cliff Road, Wellesley Hills, 81, Massachusetts.

The deadline for completed applications is April 1, 1960.

## AWARDS

The American Library Association has announced the establishment of two new awards, the Library Literature Award and the Clarence Day Award.

The Library Literature Award, given by The Scarecrow Press, Inc. of New York, will be made for the next five years in recognition of an outstanding contribution to library literature. The Award amounts to \$500 and will be given only in those years when a title merits such recognition.

The Clarence Day Award, given by the American Textbook Publishers Institute of New York, will be made for the next three years to a librarian for outstanding work promoting the love of books and reading. The Award, to be given only in those years when a suitable recipient is found, will consist of a citation, a contemporary print suitably engrossed, and \$1,000.

Both awards will be administered by juries serving as subcommittees of the ALA Awards Committee. The jury for the Library Literature Award is headed by Miss Helen M. Clark, Director, Library Extension Division, State Department of Education, Baltimore, Md. Miss Roxanna Austin, Division of Instructional Materials and Library Service, State Department of Education, Atlanta, Ga., leads the Clarence Day Award jury.

It is hoped that each of these awards can be given for the first time at the Joint Conference of ALA and the Canadian Library Association to be held in Montreal, June 19-25, 1960. Nominations for the awards will be welcomed by the juries.



### MISS BERRY RESIGNS

Miss Mary Berry, Assistant Librarian, Spartanburg Public Library, has resigned. She plans to enter the University of Indiana's School of Education on January 26 to resume work on her Masters degree in Education, specializing in library adult education. Her friends in South Carolina, though sorry to see her go, wish her much success in her new venture.

### LIBRARIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT

Workman, W. D., Jr. The Case for the South. Devin-Adair, \$4.00 prepublication, \$5.00 after January 21. A South Carolinian speaks on behalf of the traditional Southern point of view.

Glenn, Mallison. "Permanent Registration of Library Patrons." Library Journal, December 15, 1959, pp. 3813-17. A New York state library's solution to the problem of re-registration, easily adaptable in this state.

Taylor, Mark. "Television is Ruining our Folktales." Library Journal, December 15, 1959, Junior Libraries Section, pp. 4-6.

International Documents Service Catalogue. A listing by category of publications of the UN and specialized agencies including the Food & Agriculture Organization, International Court of Justice, UNESCO, World Health Organization, etc. Includes many documents that will be useful for reference and most are reasonably priced. Request catalog from International Documents Service, Columbia University Press, 2960 Broadway, New York 27, N. Y.

Unicef books, recordings, films and filmstrips. A series of brochures list materials useful in explaining the work of the world's largest international organization entirely devoted to health and welfare of children and mothers. Request from U. S. Committee for UNICEF, United Nations, N. Y.

Publications of the 1960 White House Conference on Children & Youth. The following seven volumes purchased separately carry a pre-Conference price of \$12.50, and will cost considerably more after the Conference. If purchased as a package prior to March 1, 1960, the total cost will be reduced to \$10.00. Address orders to Publications Division, White House Conference on Children & Youth, 330 Independence Avenue, S. W. , Washington 25, D. C.



The Nation's Children, 3 v. January publication. \$6 plus .50 postage and handling.

Children in a Changing World. January publication. \$1.25 plus .25 postage, etc.

State Reports Digest. March publication. \$1.50 plus .25 postage, etc.

National Organization Digest. March publication. \$1.50 plus .25 postage, etc.

Conference Proceedings. July publication. \$2.25 plus .25 postage. etc.

### YOUR PROBLEMS

by  
Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I should like to rise to the defense of those librarians who get the fishy eye from the too-too-professional librarians for occasionally indulging in so-called clerical work. It seems to me that wielding a paint brush, for instance, is not such a heinous crime when one considers that the hand is all that is involved and that the brain may be cerebrating madly. Grabbing a handful of cards and alphabetizing them may also afford a needed respite. Frankly, I feel that there's nothing quite so relaxing as tackling a newly arrived box of books--particularly if they're in a stout wooden box. And that, of course, is purely for the janitor (if one has a janitor) and not even in the clerical category. These pauses that refresh may enable some to do a better professional job.

Thank you for this chance to blow off steam.

Old Steamer

Dear O. S.:

I agree that a little touch of the clerical never hurt a professional librarian. I would like to point out, however, that these odd jobs should be the exception rather than the rule, and that the important thing is the professional product.



Dear Anne:

Your letter last month about telephone manners hit the spot, but only one spot. What about the person who calls the library, demands to know who answers the phone, her position, most of her family history and blood type, before asking what time the library closes.

I'd like to be Anonymous

Dear Anon:

My sympathy goes out to you. I'd like to say a few ear-splitting words to every ape who pulls this trick. Unfortunately, though, rudeness at one end of a telephone line is no justification for crudeness at the other. You may counter his questions with another question, "To whom do you wish to speak?" or with a statement like, "If you will tell me why you called, I will connect you with the person best qualified to help you." If these fail, give in and tell him who you are--but hold out on the medical information.

Do you have a problem? Write to Anne Library.

#### SEEN HERE & THERE

The Atheneum Club, women's study group in Greenwood, meeting in December in the assembly room at the still-new Public Library and enthusiastically voting to give the library an up-to-date edition of World Book. After the unanimous vote for the project, the treasurer reported there was only \$1 on hand, but the undaunted club members then made plans to hold a benefit bridge party in February to raise the cash for their library gift.

Mrs. Kathryn Wheeler, Librarian of the Richland County Public Library's Waverly Branch, speaking to the S. C. Reading Council at a recent meeting at S. C. State College. The theme of the meeting was "Children & Books." Mrs. Wheeler discussed the use of books suitable for all ages and demonstrated the art of storytelling.

Varnville Branch of Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library to receive new furniture as a result of a Hampton County appropriation.



Charleston Great Books group discussing Thorstein Veblen's Theory of the Leisure Class.

Around 40 Greenwood school grade pictures of the 1912-1917 period having recently been presented to the Public Library's local history collection now drawing interested old-timers who are dropping in to help identify former classmates.

Richland County Public Library the scene of the C & S National Bank's first Women's Finance Forum. Several hundred women attended morning and evening sessions to hear these topics discussed: General Insurance--Today's Needs; Investments--Woman's Approach; and What Women Want to Know About Wills & Estate Planning.

Dunbar Memorial Library in Dillon featuring an arts and crafts display.

Great Falls school children visiting the Chester County Library's branch in their town.

Lake City Public Library grounds being landscaped by local garden clubs.

Mrs. Mary Merritt Yarboro, recently retired Mullins librarian, the subject of a resolution of appreciation and gratitude published in the editorial column of the Mullins Enterprise.

The Horry County Memorial Library holding a "Forgiveness Week."

The Richland County Public Library presenting a puppet show for the Christmas story hour.

Mrs. Ben P. Davies, Jr., Chairman of the Barnwell County Library Board and Vice-Chairman of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library Board, hobnobbing with movie star Joan Crawford.